GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Production of Ethanol
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is encouraging sugar mills to produce ethanol with a view to overcome losses suffered by them;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the mills thereto; and
(c) the details of ethanol producing mills in the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Surplus sugar production over domestic demand during last five sugar seasons and depressed sugar price have adversely affected the financial health of the sugar mills. To improve the liquidity positions of sugar mills enabling them to clear cane price arrears in time, the Central Government has, inter-alia, scaled up blending targets from 5% to 10% under Ethanol Blending Programme and fixed remunerative prices for ethanol supplies to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). Further, excise duty has been waived off on such supplies for the sugar season 2015-16. Consequently there has been substantial increase in supply of ethanol by sugar mills to OMCs under Ethanol Blending Programme.
(c): The State/UT-wise details of ethanol producing mills in the country, are annexed.
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